

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Dick Monfort  
Majority Owner of the Colorado Rockies  
2001 Blake Street  
Denver, Colorado 80205

Dear Mr. Dick Monfort,

Thank you for being such a valuable part of the community, providing both a much-loved pastime and jobs to thousands of Coloradans. On behalf of baseball fans across the state of Colorado, we write to you to express our constituents' interests in maintaining a strong relationship with the Colorado Rockies and its minor league affiliates, especially those teams in rural areas like the Grand Junction Rockies.

Professional baseball is an especially important aspect for fans of all interest levels, especially fans who live outside of the Denver metro area. Having access to minor league teams not only has unmatched economic benefits to the areas, but they allow for families to enjoy professional baseball games in their hometowns. Since their establishment in 1993, the Colorado Rockies have embraced relationships with other Colorado communities providing an affordable option to watch baseball's next stars, have a hotdog, and take part in America's pastime without having to drive for many hours to see the Big-League team.

As a delegation, we value the relationship that the Rockies baseball club and other MLB teams have built with communities across Colorado over the last three decades. These communities have watched the beginnings of the careers for many of the players that have risen through the ranks to play for teams such as the Blake Street Bombers, the 2007 World Series team, and the perpetual all-stars on the current roster. We are concerned that MLB's decision to cut the number of guaranteed Player Development Contracts from 160 to 120 may have long-lasting negative impacts for baseball fans and their communities. We respectfully request that you consider those implications and work with the MLB commissioner and other team owners to preserve opportunities for clubs like the Grand Junction Rockies and the Colorado Springs Rocky Mountain Vibes to have affiliated professional baseball.

As the national pastime for this country, we appreciate being able to take part in this conversation and are eager to help preserve baseball for future generations to enjoy.

Sincerely,



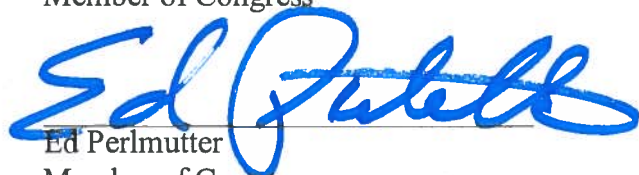
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